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# **EDUCATION and CERTIFICATIONS**

- UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF LAW, Albuquerque, New Mexico Juris Doctor, December 2013
- **UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**, Albuquerque, New Mexico Master of Public Administration, *summa cum laude*, May 2011
- ALBUQUERQUE POLICE ACADEMY, Albuquerque, New Mexico
   New Mexico Peace Officer certification, class salutatorian and most physically fit cadet, June 2004
- UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, Amherst, Massachusetts Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, June 1993.
- New Mexico Bar, Admitted, April 2014.
- New Mexico Mediation Association, Certified Mediator certification, August 2013
- University of New Mexico Mediation Program, Basic Mediator certification, July 2012 (40 hours)
- LABOR RELATIONS INFORMATION SYSTEM, Police/Fire Union management certification, February 2011 (40 hours)
- ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT, Police Sergeant School (40 hours), 2010
- INSTITUTE OF POLICE TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT, Advanced Bicycle/Pedestrian Crash Investigation certification, August, 2009 (40 hours)
- INSTITUTE OF POLICE TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT, Basic Bicycle/Pedestrian Crash Investigation certification, June 2009 (40 hours)
- LAW ENFORCEMENT BICYCLE ASSOCIATION, National Police Mountain Bike Instructor certification, January 2009 (40 hours)
- New Mexico Department of Public Safety, Police Instructor certification, December 2008 (40 hours)
- ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT, Executive Protection certification, October 2008 (40 hours)
- LEAGUE OF AMERICAN BICYCLISTS, League Certified Instructor Coach certification, September 2008 (40 hours)
- ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT, Special Weapons and Tactics (SPO III) certification, November 2006 (120 hours)
- FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, Incident Command System certification, July 2006
- Scuba Schools International, Police Open Water Diver certification, April 2006 (80 hours)
- ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT, Basic and Advanced Urban Rifle certification, August 2006 (40 hours)
- ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT, Advanced Handgun certification, August 2006 (40 hours)
- BERNALILLO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, Tactical Life Saver certification, July 2006 (40 hours)
- FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, Basic Crisis Negotiation certification, April 2006 (80 hours)
- ALPHA GROUP, Criminal Intelligence Analyst certification, October 2005 (40 hours)
- New Mexico Tech, Response to Suicide bombing Incident certification, May 2005
- New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator, Medicolegal Death Investigation certification, September, 2005 (40 hours)
- ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT, Crisis Intervention Team certification, November 2005 (40 hours)
- International Police Mountain Bike Association, Police Cyclist certification, April 2005 (40 hours)

# LEGAL and LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE

GROVER LAW, LLC

**JANUARY 2014-CURRENT** 

• Organizing member of a boutique law firm and practicing attorney focusing on plaintiff's litigation. Criminal defense, and military/law enforcement related contract counsel.

#### New Mexico Mediator Association Certified Mediator

AUGUST 2013

- Over 100 hours of mediation sessions as primary mediator
- Success rate of over 78%
- Focus dispute areas include: employment, contract, labor organization, and bicycle/pedestrianvehicle collision injury
- Over 160 hours of advanced mediation training and instruction

#### University of New Mexico Law School Clinic

**SUMMER 2013** 

## CLINICAL LAW STUDENT

- Family law practice
- Entries of appearance and hearings
- Intake interviews
- Legal research, motion drafting, client management

#### **NEW MEXICO PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Sept. 2012- May 2013

- LAW CLERK
- Police procedure and issue analysis of pending criminal cases
- Draft police policy and procedure analysis of pending cases
- · Research and draft legal memos; present and discuss legal conclusions
- Motion drafting
- · Pre-trial witness interviews

#### 13TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

Summer 2012

Judicial Externship with Chief Judge Louis McDonald

LAW CLERK

- Review and summarize over two years of pleadings from Foy v. Austin Capital et al.
- Research and draft legal memos; present and discuss legal conclusions

#### ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT, Albuquerque, NM; January 2004-December 2011

SERGEANT 2011

- Direct supervision of Field Services Bureau officers, Northeast Area Command
- Plan and coordinate tactical operation plans
- Review and authorize criminal complaints
- Investigate and process all uses of force
- Interface with community and neighborhood organizations to address and resolve police related concerns

<u>PATROLMAN</u> 2004-2011

- Patrol officer in the Field Services Bureau, Valley Area Command
- · Crisis Intervention Team member
- Search & Rescue Dive Team member
- Responsible for addressing specific challenges to order in the downtown area including: illegal drug
  use and trafficking, burglaries, robberies, violent behavior, homelessness, gang activity, and
  surveillance of criminal activity
- Responsible for handling varied law enforcement related calls for service
- Responsible for training other officers in bicycle patrol
- Organized annual city-wide children's bicycle safety rodeo and other pedestrian safety programs.
- Frequent neighborhood association/community center guest speaker

## AWARDS RECEIVED

· Seth Oliver Award for Excellence; University of New Mexico School of Law, 2014

- University of New Mexico School of Public Administration Fellowship award, 2010
- New Mexico Fraternal Order of Police scholarship award, 2010
- Albuquerque Police Department Most Physically Fit officer award, 2010, 2011
- New Mexico Municipal League scholarship award, 2009
- Albuquerque Fraternal Order of Police scholarship award, 2009
- City of Albuquerque Academic Scholarship award, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Recognized as department wide "Officer of the Month", January 2008
- Outstanding Community Service award by Albuquerque Rotary, 2008
- Outstanding Police Officer award CIVITAN, 2008
- Police Officer Hero award, Albuquerque Elks, 2008
- Community Service award, Albuquerque Kiwanis, 2008
- Outstanding Police Officer award, Optimist Club of New Mexico, 2008
- Outstanding Police Officer award, New Mexico Fraternal Order, 2008
- Police Officer of the Month award, Albuquerque Police Officers Association, 2008
- Albuquerque Police Department, Valley Area Command top officer award, 2007
- Albuquerque Police Academy, salutatorian in 89th police academy class, 2004
- Albuquerque Police Academy, Most Physically Fit cadet award, 2004

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member, Fraternal Order of Police, National and New Mexico Lodges, 2004-Present
- *Member*, International Police Association, 2008-Present
- *Director*, Board of Directors member of Albuquerque Police Department's Policy & Procedure Review Board and representative of all Field Services Bureau officers, 2008-2011
- Director, Board of Directors member of the Albuquerque Police Officers Association (APOA), 2009-2011
- Chairman, APOA Legal Review Committee. Responsible for researching and drafting responses to
  various legal concerns affecting APOA members. Assignments included "donning and doffing"
  uniform compensation concerns, take-home care policy adjustment analysis, and compensable
  activity analysis, 2009-2011